

## **A METHOD OF MEASURING VOLATILE COMPONENTS OF FOODS**

### **Abstract of the Invention**

Methods for determining the level of volatile components, such as essential oils, in a food composition, such as a food processing stream, by analysis of a vapor containing the component. The vapor may be transferred  
5 from the headspace of a food processing stream to an analyzing station where the levels of volatile components are determined. Alternatively, the vapor may be generated by sparging a sample of the food or related processing stream for analysis thereof. Analysis of the components maybe performed by spectroscopic methods on a continual or periodic basis.